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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: ANGOLA AND CONGRESS

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM JENKINS

MADRID FOR AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY

1. AS WE APPROACH THE JANUARY 27 HOUSE FLOOR VOTE ON THE
DOD APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND THE TUNNEY AMENDMENT, IT IS IN-
CREASINGLY CLEAR THAT WE ARE LIKELY TO BE LICKED.
MY WHITE HOUSE COUNTERPARTS AGREE WITH THIS ESTIMATE. WE
HAD BEEN MODERATELY ENCOURAGED BY THE SECOND THOUGHTS EX-
PRESSED BY SOME INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND BY INDICATIONS THAT
THE MEMBERS FOUND LITTLE INTEREST IN ANGOLA ONE WAY OR THE
OTHER WHILE THEY WERE HOME DURING THE RECESS. HOWEVER, IT
IS NOW APPARENT THAT THE HOUSE LEADERSHIP IS SOLIDLY BEHIND
THE TUNNEY AMENDMENT, AND PROSPECTS FOR TRANSLATING ISOLATED
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TENDER SHOOTS OF RE-EXAMINATION INTO ANTI-TUNNEY VOTES ARE

PRETTY BLEAK.

2. SAM STRATTON, ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED DEMOCRATS IN THE HOUSE, PHONED ME THIS MORNING TO REPORT THAT HE HAD JUST COME OUT OF A DEMOCRATIC WHIP MEETING IN WHICH HE ALONE SPOKE AGAINST THE TUNNEY AMENDMENT. HE SAID, "IT IS

CLEARLY A HOPELESS CAUSE". STRATTON ADDED THAT SPEAKER ALBERT, TIP O'NEILL, LEE HAMILTON AND GIAIMO ARE ALL FLATLY OPPOSED TO ANY FURTHER U.S. EXPENDITURES IN ANGOLA. FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN DON BONKER HAS COLLECTED 195 SIGNATURES ON A PRO-TUNNEY PETITION AND HE EXPECTS THAT NUMBER WILL DOUBLE. STRATTON NONETHELESS FEELS THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD MAKE ITS CASE, AND HE FOR ONE WANTS TO PLAY A ROLE IN IT. WE ARE PROVIDING HIM WITH TALKING POINTS AND BACKGROUND MATERIAL.

3. THE NSC TELLS US THAT THE PRESIDENT IS DETERMINED TO GO ALL OUT TO ESTABLISH OUR RECORD AGAINST THE TUNNEY AMENDMENT. ONE RESULT OF THIS DECISION WAS HIS PLEDGE TO MAHON THAT YOU WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON MONDAY MORNING IF THE COMMITTEE CHOOSES. HOWEVER, MAHON HAS JUST TOLD FRIEDERSDORF THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL PROBABLY SETTLE FOR SCHAUFLE. AF IS REVISING THE DRAFT STATEMENT FOR USE WITH CLARK (AS ADJUSTED PER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS) FOR USE BEFORE MAHON. (IT IS WORTH NOTING HERE THAT MAHON WAS MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN BEFORE ABOUT OUR CHANCES AND THAT HE MADE NO COMMITMENTS TO SPEAK ON OUR BEHALF ON THE FLOOR.) SCHAUFLE WILL ALSO APPEAR IN OPEN SESSION BEFORE THE HIRC MONDAY AFTERNOON IN RESPONSE TO MORGAN'S REQUEST FOR THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO HEAR OUR VIEWS ON THE TUNNEY AMENDMENT BEFORE VOTING ON TUESDAY MORNING. SISCO OR SCHAUFLE WILL BRIEF THE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE (ALL REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE) ON TUESDAY MORNING AT 9:30 FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. STRATTON IS ATTEMPTING TO GET A HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE INVITATION FOR SCHAUFLE LATE MONDAY OR EARLY TUESDAY ALSO. AF IS PREPARING FLOOR SPEECHES AND FACT SHEETS FOR FRIENDLY MEMBERS.

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4. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MOBILIZE SUPPORT WHEREVER WE CAN FIND IT. ROBINSON

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